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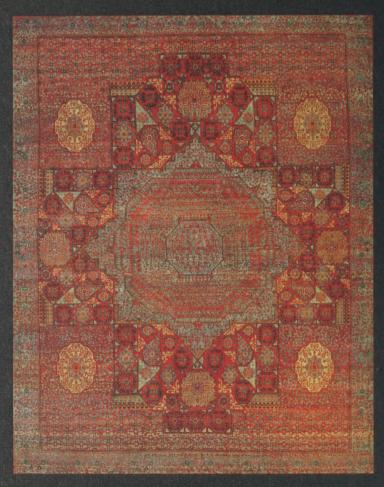


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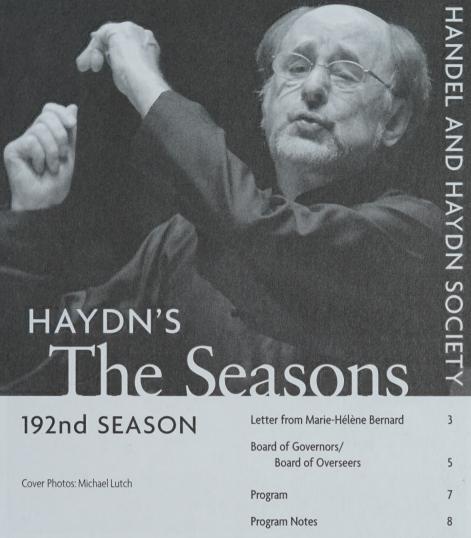


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# FROM MARIE-HÉLÈNE BERNARD



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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this final subscription program of Handel and Haydn Society's 192nd season. I am thrilled and honored to join this esteemed period-instrument ensemble as the new Executive Director and CEO.

I look forward to meeting you, the concertgoers and donors who make our performances possible, and to working with our wonderful artists to further the Society's longstanding tradition of excellence. I welcome your suggestions and comments, and encourage you to contact me at mhb@handelandhaydn.org.

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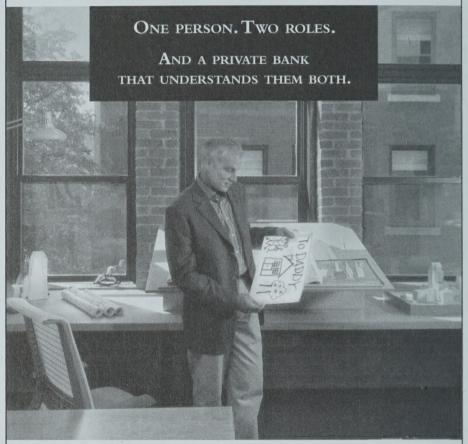
The future of Handel and Haydn Society is bright, and I am excited by what we will accomplish together. I hope that you enjoy this performance of Haydn's magnificent oratorio The Seasons.

Sincerely.

Marie-Hélène Bernard **Executive Director and CEO** 

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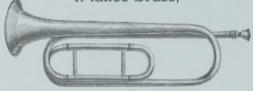
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# Program 2006-2007 SEASON

Friday, April 13, 8.00pm Sunday, April 15, 3.00pm Symphony Hall, Boston

Sir Roger Norrington, conductor

#### Die Jahreszeiten (The Seasons)

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Spring Summer

#### -INTERMISSION-

Autumn Winter

Karina Gauvin, soprano (Hanne) Christoph Genz, tenor (Lukas) Günther Groissböck, baritone (Simon)

The Sunday performance of The Seasons will be broadcast live on WGBH 89.7 FM.

The program runs for approximately two and a half hours.

The audience is respectfully asked to turn off all electronic watches, paging devices, and cellular phones during the performance.

The Handel and Haydn Society is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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# COME, ETERNAL SPRING!

Haydn had heard Handel's *Messiah* and *Israel in Egypt* during his first trip to England in the early 1790s and was deeply impressed. At the "Hallelujah" Chorus he famously wept: "He is the master of us all!" His London manager, Salomon, asked

#### NOTES IN BRIEF

The Seasons was first performed privately in the rooms of Prince Schwarzenberg in Vienna on April 24 and 27, and on May 1, 1801. Haydn conducted those as well as two performances for charity December 22 and 23. The three vocalists represent archetypical country folk: Simon (bass), Lucas (tenor), and Hanne (soprano). The solo voices are the same as those scored for The Creation of 1798. Both oratorios had an enormous impact on Haydn's former student Ludwig van Beethoven, whose "Pastoral" Symphony (No. 6) could not have been written without them

The oratorio is divided into four parts: These correspond to Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter and draw parallels between the rhythm of the seasons and the rhythms of our lives. Like other oratorios, *The Seasons* uses recitatives, arias, ensembles, and choruses. Its text is a German translation by Baron Gottfried van Swieten of James Thomson's 1730 poem based on Barthold Brockes's earlier translation. Three years previously, Swieten had provided a version of the Book of Genesis for Haydn's *The Creation*.

The Seasons is Haydn's last major work; he died eight years after the premiere. The last two oratorios described the world as he knew it, and could have only been written by someone who loved nature as much as Haydn.

him to write an oratorio and gave him a libretto on The Creation of the World

Back in Vienna, Haydn was encouraged to compose the oratorio by the court librarian, Baron Gottfried van Swieten, who had founded a society to sponsor private performances of Handel's oratorios. Swieten was a nobleman, diplomat, poet, and sometime composer who was also friends with Mozart and his wife, as well as C.P.E. Bach, and to whom Beethoven would dedicate his First Symphony. The Baron translated into German the libretto Haydn had brought back from England and fashioned it into *The Creation*.

The success of *The Creation* in 1798 led Haydn and Swieten to collaborate on a second oratorio, *The Seasons*, based on James Thomson's popular poem. Swieten not only had to retranslate the work into German, but also to pare down the length of the poem, to interpolate brief sections from other sources, and to write the final verses for the oratorio on "the Last Trumpet," the meaning of life, and eternal afterlife. Swieten's musical association paid Haydn 600 ducats for the new work.

The two oratorios are similar in their view of the wonders of Nature and reverence toward the Creator. Haydn was a devout Catholic and had recently written important masses. A religious character, tone painting, and the pastoral tradition all pervade this secular work.

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Franz Joseph Haydn

The humanist, 18th-century view of the pastoral is evident in the choice of three simple country folk— Simon, Hanne, and Lucas—tell the story, rather than the angels in The Creation. Each season begins with a tone poem and ends with a chorus. A rousing chorus including a hunting song with horn calls, another celebration with dancing peasants and drinking, references to "noble toil," and—in a foreshadowing of the third movement of Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony—a loud thunderstorm all appear. Haydn evidently remarked that his whole life had been spent being industrious and that this was the first time, in "Autumn," that he was ever asked to write a chorus in praise of toil. "Winter," like Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, begins in C Minor and ends in C Major (the same key in which God speaks in The Creation, and where the analog from Chaos to Light is similar).

Word painting abounds: for example, the second part, "Summer," opens with the portrayal of a sunrise, complete with a bird song in the oboe, while later rustic horn calls are heard, a drought is symbolized by muted strings and thunder expressed by timpani, and at the end croaking frogs, quail, and crickets all appear. "Autumn" boasts a hunt with horn signals, dogs barking, and a bird shot by a hunter, as well as a drinking scene.

Charles Rosen wrote, "The Seasons and The Creation are descriptions of the entire universe as Haydn knew it." He continued: "The greatness of the two oratorios lies in their range of expression, and for once Haydn equaled Mozart's breadth if not his control. The Seasons makes an unabashed appeal for popular favor; as early as the fourth number in 'Spring,' Haydn shrewdly quotes the tune from the "Surprise" Symphony that had become so popular. But this is not the only allusion to Haydn's previous works; the closeness of 'Sei nun gnädig,' No. 6, to the slow movement of Symphony No. 98 is almost as candid as the quotation from the Andante of the Surprise in 'Spring."

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Haydn had spent two years on *The Seasons*. "Winter," however, seems to have reminded the aging Haydn of his own declining years. Perhaps we should view its somber orchestral introduction as

"When he finished it, he was written out. The last years of Haydn's life, with all his success, comfort, and celebrity, are among the saddest in music. More moving than the false pathos of a pauper's grave for Mozart (who was buried there only because Swieten advised the economy to Constanza) is the figure of Haydn filled with musical ideas which were struggling to escape, as he himself said; he was too old and weak to go to the piano and submit to the discipline of working them out," according to Rosen.

Haydn wrote Clementi: "In the meantime I inform you that the music to my *Seasons* has been received with the same unanimous approval as *The Creation*; indeed many go so far as to prefer it, on

account of its [greater] variety." And to Pleyel he wrote that *The Seasons* had enjoyed an "unparalleled success."

Sir Roger Norrington feels that *The Seasons* "is a beautiful piece, even better than *The Creation*. The orchestra is perfect and the singing parts are perfect. The music praises itself." James Webster suggests, "Taken together, *The Creation* and *The Seasons* represent the history of the world, from the beginning of time and the Creation of Light, to the Day of Judgment and then the end of time."

#### -Andrea Olmstead

Ms. Olmstead has been the Society's Christopher Hogwood Research Fellow since 2005. The author of three books on Roger Sessions and of Juilliard: A History, she has published numerous articles and CD liner notes, produced recordings, and taught Music History for 32 years.

## "THE MOST DARING OF IMAGINATIONS"

G. A. Griesinger, the critic for the important Allgemeine Musikalische Zeitung (the General Musical Journal) wrote on May 2, 1801: "Silent devotion, astonishment, and loud enthusiasm succeeded one another with the listeners; for the most powerful penetration of colossal ideas, the immeasurable quantity of happy thoughts surprised and overpowered even the most daring of imaginations.

"The very subject of this poem invites everyone to participate. Who does not long for a return of spring? Who is not crushed by the heat of summer? Who does not rejoice over the fruits of autumn? To whom is the numbing frost of winter not tiresome? The wealth of such a subject makes great demands on the poetry. But even if all are fulfilled, a special talent is required for judging musical effects, choosing the meter, and for making a useful order out of the various sections, and this can only be accomplished by a poet who himself has penetrated the secrets of music. Since the reader may acquaint himself with the poem through this musical journal [in an appendix], he will be in a better position to see for himself just what Haydn had to do. That he did all this to perfection, however, is the unanimous opinion of the public here. Every word, under the hands of this musical Prometheus, is full of life and perception. Sometimes the melody of the voice delights, sometimes we are shaken, as a woodland torrent that bursts over its banks, by the mighty entrance of the orchestra; now one delights in a simple, artless expression; or one admires the sumptuous richness of swift and bright harmonies. From the beginning to the end, the spirit is involuntarily swept along by emotions that range from the most naïve to the most artful, from the commonplace to the most sublime."

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# **Artist Profiles**

# Sir Roger Norrington, conductor



A native of Oxford, England, Sir Roger Norrington has been a pioneer in the field of historically informed performance since he founded the Schütz Choir in 1962. He went on to create the London Classical Players in 1978, with whom he toured and made numerous seminal recordings, including the famed series of Beethoven symphonies. Sir Roger's work on scores, sound,

orchestra size, seating, and playing style has had a profound effect on the way 18th and 19th century music is now perceived. He is in great demand by symphony orchestras worldwide and regularly conducts major orchestras in Berlin, Vienna, Salzburg, Amsterdam, Paris, New York, Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, and London. Since 1998, Sir Roger has been Chief Conductor of the Radio Symphony Orchestra of Stuttgart. He made his Boston debut in 1987 conducting Haydn's *The Seasons* for the Boston Early Music Festival. Sir Roger joins the Handel and Haydn Society this season as Artistic Advisor and makes his second appearance with the Society in these performances.

# Handel and Haydn Society

Celebrating its 192nd season, the Handel and Haydn Society is a chorus and period-instrument orchestra known internationally for "infusing the music of the past with pure headlong energy" (Boston Globe). Under the leadership of Artistic Advisor Sir Roger Norrington, Principal Conductor Grant Llewellyn, and Conductor Laureate Christopher Hogwood, the Society offers historically informed programs of music from the Baroque and Classical eras. Recent seasons have featured a series of staged operas and programs with dance, including Monteverdi's *Orfeo* and *Vespers* and Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*. The Society has also featured the Boston

debut of many rising stars, including tenor Placido Domingo and sopranos Dawn Upshaw, Sylvia McNair, and Christine Brewer. Handel and Haydn may be heard nationally on NPR's prestigious SymphonyCast program and on numerous recordings, such as the Grammy Award-winning Lamentations and Praises, All is Bright, and the best-selling PEACE which has appeared twice in the top ten on Billboard Magazine's Classical Chart. The Society's award-winning Educational Outreach Program provides opportunities to learn about and perform classical music for more than 10,000 public school students throughout greater Boston each year.

Karina Gauvin has sung with many major orchestras including the Philadelphia Orchestra, Montreal Symphony Orchestra, Akademie für Alte Musik

Berlin, Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, the North Carolina Symphony, the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Les Talens Lyriques, and Les Violons du Roy. She has appeared with such esteemed conductors such as Charles Dutoit, Christopher Hogwood, Helmuth Rilling, Bruno Weil, Bernard Labadie, and Andrew Parrott. Ms. Gauvin has an extensive discography including four Juno Award nominated CDs and Handel's *Messiah* with the Handel and Haydn Society. She last appeared with the Society in February 2006.

# Christoph Genz, tenor



German lyric tenor Christoph Genz, a winner of the First Prize in the Leipzig Bach Competition, has been invited for concerts, recitals and opera productions

worldwide. He has collaborated with such conductors as Herbert Blomstedt, Franz Brüggen, Kurt Masur, and Sir Simon Rattle. Mr. Genz has made previous American appearances with the San Francisco Symphony, the Choral Arts Society of Washington, and the Phoenix Symphony. His opera credits include a season as member of Switzerland's Teater Basel, and guest appearances at Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, Aix-en-Provence, Opéra de Lausanne, and La Scala. Mr. Genz makes his Handel and Haydn Society debut in these perfromances.

# Günther Groissböck, baritone



Austrian baritone Günther Groissböck was awarded first prize in the national competition "Gradus ad Parnassum," followed by his first engagement as

Pluto in Peri's *Euridice* at the Kammeroper Vienna. Guest engagements led Mr. Groissböck to the Opéra National du Rhin Strasbourg, the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris, the Festival d'Aix-en-Provence, and Teatro Regio in Turin. Concert performances have included the MDR Sinfonieorchester, the orchestra of the Zurich opera house with Franz Welser-Möst, the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra with Seiji Ozawa, and the Gewandhaus Leipzig under the baton of Riccardo Chailly. Mr. Groissböck's makes his American debut in these performances.

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# Program Text

## HAYDN: THE SEASONS

Text by Gottfried van Swieten (1733-1803) after the poem of James Thomson (1700-1748)

#### **SPRING**

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#### 1. OVERTURE AND RECITATIVE

**SIMON:** Seht, wie der strenge Winter flieht, zum fernen Pole zieht er hin. Ihm folgt auf seinen Ruf der wilden Stürme brausend Heer, mit gräßlichem Geheul.

**LUKAS:** Seht, wie vom schroffen Fels der Schnee in trüben Strömen sich ergießt!

**HANNE:** Seht, wie vom Süden her, durch laue Winde sanft gelockt der Frühlingsbote streicht.

#### 2. CHORUS: THE COUNTRY PEOPLE

Komm, holder Lenz!
Des Himmels Gabe, komm!
Aus ihrem Todesschlaf
erwecke die Natur!
Es nahet sich der holde Lenz,
schon fühlen wir den linden Hauch,
bald lebet alles wieder auf.
Frohlocket ja nicht allzufrüh,
oft schleicht, in Nebel eingehüllt,
der Winter wohl zurück und streut
auf Blüt' und Keim sein starres
Gift.

Komm, holder Lenz! Des Himmels Gabe, komm! Auf uns're Fluren senke dich, und weile länger nicht.

#### 3. RECITATIVE: SIMON

Vom Widder strahlet jetzt die helle Sonn' auf uns herab. Nun weichen Frost und Dampf und See how harsh Winter flees!
To the distant poles he retreats. There follows at his call the raging company of fierce storms

with monstrous howling.

See how the snow pours down in muddy torrents from the precipices!

See, from the south, allured by gentle breezes, Spring rushes in!

Come, eternal Spring!
Gift of Heaven, come!
From the sleep of death
let Nature awake!
The gracious Spring is coming;
we feel his gentle breath already;
All things may live again!
Be joyful none too soon!
For often, wrapped in fog,
winter can creep back
and spread his stiffening poison on bud and
flower.

From the Ram the bright sun shines on us now. Frost and cold are

Come, gracious Spring!

Gift of Heaven, come!

Sink into our fields.

and wait no longer.

schweben laue Dünst' umher; der Erde Busen ist gelöst; erheitert ist die Luft.

softened, and a gentle haze hovers in the air

#### 4. ARIA: SIMON

Schon eilet froh der Ackersmann zur Arbeit auf das Feld, in langen Furchen schreitet er dem Pfluge flötend nach. In abgemeß'nem Gange dann wirft er den Samen aus, den birgt der Acker treu und reift ihn bald zur gold'nen Frucht. Early goes the plowman to work his fields; in lengthy furrows he guides the plow and whistles himself a tune. In measured movement, he sows his seed, the good soil covers it; soon it will ripen into golden fruit.

#### 5. RECITATIVE: LUKAS

Der Landmann hat sein Werk vollbracht und weder Müh' noch Fleiß gespart: Den Lohn erwartet er aus Händen der Natur, und fleht den Himmel an. The farmer now has done his work, sparing neither toil nor weariness. The reward he awaits from Nature, and prays Heaven for it.

#### 6. TRIO AND CHORUS: LITANY

**LUKAS, CHORUS:** Sei nun gnädig, milder Himmel! Öffne dich und träufe Segen über unser Land herab!

**LUKAS:** Laß deinen Tau die Erde wässern!

SIMON: Laß Regenguß die Furchen tränken!

**HANNE:** Laß deine Lüfte wehen sanft, laß deine Sonne scheinen hell!

**HANNE, LUKAS, SIMON:** Uns sprießet Überfluß alsdann, und deiner Güte Dank und Ruhm.

#### Be gracious, generous Heaven! Open, and pour thy blessing on our land below!

Let thy dew wash the earth!

Let thy rainfall give the furrows drink!

Let thy breezes gently blow, and let thy sun shine bright!

Let abundance bud for us then, and thanks and praise flow for they goodness.

#### 7. RECITATIVE: HANNE

Erhört ist unser Fleh'n, der laue West erwärmt und füllt die Luft mit feuchten Dünsten an. Sie häufen sich - nun fallen sie und gießen in der Erde Schoß den Schmuck und Reichtum der Natur.

#### Our prayer is heard, the gentle west grows warm and the air fills with humid haze. It gathers, and now rain falls on earth's bosom and pours down nature's riches and beauty.

#### 8. SONG OF JOY

**HANNE:** O wie lieblich ist der Anblick der Gefilde jetzt! Kommt, ihr Mädchen, laßt uns wallen auf der bunten Flur!

**LUKAS:** O wie lieblich ist der Anblick der Gefilde

O how lovely is the sight of the open country! Come, ye maids, let us wander through the manycolored fields!

O how lovely is the sight of the open country!

jetzt! Kommt, ihr Burschen, laßt uns wallen zu dem grünen Hain!

**HANNE:** Seht die Lilie, seht die Rose, seht die Rlumen all'I

**LUKAS:** Seht die Auen, seht die Wiesen, seht die Felder all'1

**HANNE:** Seht die Erde, seht die Wer, seht die helle

**LUKAS:** Alles lebet, alles schwebet, alles reget sich.

HANNE: Seht die Lämmer, wie sie springen!

LUKAS: Seht die Fische, welch Gewimmel!

HANNE: Seht die Bienen, wie sie schwärmen!

LUKAS: Seht die Vögel, welch Geflatter!

**CHORUS:** Alles lebet, alles schwebet, alles reget sich. Welche Freude, welche Wonne schwellet unser Herz! Süße Triebe, sanfte Reize heben uns're Brust!

**SIMON:** Was ihr fühlet, was euch reizet, ist des Schöpfers Hauch.

**CHORUS:** Laßt uns ehren, laßt uns loben, laßt uns preisen Ihn! Laßt erschallen, ihm zu danken, eure Stimmen hoch! Es erschallen, ihm zu danken, uns're Stimmen hoch!

#### 9. CHORUS AND SOLOS

ALL: Ewiger, mächtige, gütiger Gott!

HANNE, LUKAS, SIMON: Von Deinem Segensmahle hast Du gelabet uns. Vom Strome Deiner Freuden hast Du getränket uns. Gütiger Gott!

**ALL:** Ehre, Lob und Preis sei Dir, ewiger, mächtiger, gütiger Gott!

#### **SUMMER**

#### 10. OVERTURE AND RECITATIVE

**LUKAS:** In grauem Schleier rückt heran das sanfte

Come, lads, let us wander to the green groves!

See the lilies, see the roses, see all the flowers!

See the meadows, see the fields, see all the pastures!

See the earth, see the water, see the sparkling air!

Everything's alive, everything floats, everything's in motion.

See the lambs, how they spring!

See the fish, what a school!

See the bees, what a swarm!

See the birds, what a flock!

Everything's alive, everything floats, everything's in motion. What joy, what bliss swells in our hearts! Sweet motives, gentle impulses stir our breast.

What you feel, what moves you, is the Creator's breath!

Let us honor him, let us praise him, let us worship him! Let your voices in thanking him be lifted up! Let our voices in thanking him be lifted up!

Eternal, mighty, merciful God!

From thine abundant table thou hast satisfied us. From the streams of thy joys thou hast given us drink!

Merciful God!

Honor, praise and thanks be unto thee, eternal, mighty, merciful God!

In the gray haze first appears the gentle

Morgenlicht; mit lahmen Schritten weicht vor ihm die träge Nacht zurück. Zu düst'ren Höhen flieht der Leichenvögel blinde Schar; ihr dumpfer Klageton beklemmt das bange Herz nicht mehr.

**SIMON:** Des Tages Herold meldet sich; mit scharfem Laute rufet er zu neuer Tätigkeit den ausgeruhten Landmann auf.

#### 11. ARIA AND RECITATIVE

**SIMON:** Der munt're Hirt versammelt nun die frohen Herden um sich her, zur fetten Weid' auf grünen Höh'n treibet er sie langsam fort. Nach Osten blickend steht er dann, auf seinem Stabe hingelehnt, zu seh'n den ersten Sonnenstrahl, welchem er entgegen harrt.

**HANNE:** Die Morgenröte bricht hervor, wie Rauch verflieget das leichte Gewolk, der Himmel pranget im hellen Azur, der Berge Gipfel im feurigen Gold.

#### 12. TRIO AND CHORUS

**HANNE, LUKAS, SIMON:** Sie steigt herauf, die Sonne, sie steigt. Sie naht, sie kommt, Sie strahlt, sie scheint.

**CHORUS:** Sie scheint in herrlicher Pracht, in flammender Majestät! Heil! O Sonne, Heil! Des Lichts und Lebens Quelle, Heil! O du des Weltalls Seel' und Aug', der Gottheit schönstes Bild! Dich grüßen dankbar wir!

**HANNE, LUKAS, SIMON:** Wer spricht sie aus, die Freuden alle, die deine Huld in uns erweckt? Wer zählet sie, die Segen alle, die deine Mild' auf uns ergießt?

**CHORUS:** Die Freuden! O wer spricht sie aus? Die Segen! O wer zählet sie? Wer spricht sie aus? Wer zählet sie. wer?

**HANNE, LUKAS, SIMON:** Dir danken wir, was uns ergötzt. Dir danken wir, was uns belebt. Dir danken wir, was uns erhält. Dem Schöpfer aber danken wir, was deine Kraft vermag.

ALL: Heil! O Sonne, Heil! Des Lichts und Lebens

light of morning; with halting step sluggish night retreats before it. To their dismal caves blind ravens fly; their ghostly moaning frightens the heart no more.

The herald of day announces himself: with piercing tone he calls to his chores the rested farmer.

The cheerful shepherd gathers his happy flock about him; to rich pasture land he sends them slowly forth. Then looking east, he stops and leans upon his crook to catch the first rays of the sun, which he patiently awaits.

The morning sunrise breaks; the nimble clouds disperse like smoke, heaven shines bright azure, the mountain peaks in fiery gold.

The sun climbs up; it mounts the skies. It comes still closer, casting its rays.

Shining in glorious beauty, a flaming majesty on high! Hail, O Sun, all hail! Welcome, thou light and life-giver! Thee, the soul and eye of the universe, fair reflection of the Creator! Thankfully we welcome you!

Who can tell of all thy joys and noble graces instilled in us? Who can count the blessings Thy goodness pours out for us?

The joys, who can tell of them? The blessings, who can number them? Who can express it?
Who can recount it?

We thank thee for what delights us. We thank thee for what revives us. We thank thee for what sustains us. But we thank the Creator for what thy power permits us.

Hail, O sun, hail! Thou source of light and life, hail!

Quelle, Heil! Dir jauchzen alle Stimmen, dir jauchzet die Natur.

13. RECITATIVE: SIMON

Nun regt und bewegt sich alles umher; ein buntes Gewühle bedecket die Flur. Dem braunen Schnitter neiget sich der Saaten wallende Flut, die Sense blitzt - da sinkt das Korn. Doch steht es bald und aufgehäuft in festen Garben wieder da.

14. RECITATIVE: LUKAS

Die Mittagssonne brennet jetzt in voller Glut und gießt durch die entwölkte Luft ihr mächtiges Feu'r in Strömen herab. Ob den gesengten Flächen schwebt, im nieder'n Qualm, ein blendend Meer von Licht und Widerschein.

15. CAVATINA: LUKAS

Dem Druck erlieget die Natur. Welke Blumen, dürre Wiesen, trock'ne Quellen, alles zeigt der Hitze Wut, und kraftlos schmachten Mensch und Tier am Boden hingestreckt.

16. RECITATIVE: HANNE

Willkommen jetzt, o dunkler Hain, wo der bejahrten Eiche Dach den kühlenden Schirm gewährt, und wo der schlanken Espe Laub mit leisem Gelispel rauscht! Am weichen Moose rieselt da in heller Flut der Bach, und fröhlich summend irrt und wirrt die bunte Sonnenbrut. Der Kräuter reinen Balsamduft verbreitet Zephirs Hauch, und aus dem nahen Busche tönt des jungen Schäfers Rohr.

17. ARIA: HANNE

Welche Labung für die Sinne! Welch' Erholung für das Herz! Jeden Aderzweig durchströmet, und in jeder Nerve bebt erquickendes Gefühl. Die Seele wachet auf zum reizenden Genuß, und neue Kraft erhebt durch milden Drang die Brust.

**18. RECITATIVE** 

**SIMON:** O seht! Es steiget in der schwülen Luft am hohen Saume des Gebirgs von Dampf und Dunst

To thee all voices shout for joy; in thee all nature laughs.

All now moves with life; a cheerful crowd covers the meadows. The welling tide of ripened crops are bending beyond the reaper, the scythe flashes - the grain sinks down. But soon it is piled up again in standing sheaves.

Now the noonday sun is blazing in full heat, pouring its power through the cloudless sky in streams of light, over the scorched plains. There arises from below thick smoke, a dazzling sea of light and reflection.

Nature dies under the weight. Withered blossoms, parched fields, dried-up springs, all show the heat's fury, and man and beast, drained of strength, stretch out along the ground.

How welcome then a shaded grove, where the shade of ageless oaks gives cool protection, and where slender aspen leaves rustle in gentle whispers! Through soft moss ripples a brook in sparkling stream, and a swarm of butterflies buzzes back and forth. The spicy smell of balsam trees spreads out on Zephyr's breath, while from the nearby thicket the shepherd's reedy pipe is speaking.

O what comfort for the senses! What rest for the heart! Refreshment courses through every nerve and capillary. The soul awakes to the stimulation, and, with gentlest pressure, new strength revives the soul.

Behold, on the mountain top arising in the sultry air

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ein fahler Nebel auf. Empor gedrängt dehnt er sich aus, und hüllet bald den Himmelsraum in schwarzes Dunkel ein

**LUKAS:** Hört, wie vom Tal ein dumpf Gebrüll den wilden Sturm verkünd't! Seht, wie von Unheil schwer die finst're Wolke langsam zieht und drohend auf die Eb'ne sinkt!

HANNE: In banger Ahnung stockt das Leben der Natur: Kein Tier, kein Blatt beweget sich, und Todesstille herrscht umher

#### 19. CHORUS

Ach, das Ungewitter naht! Hilf uns, Himmel!

O wie der Donner rollt! O wie die Winde toben!

Wo flieh'n wir hin? Flammende Blitze durchwühlen die Luft, den zackigen Keilen berstet die Wolke, und Güsse stürzen herab. Wo ist Rettung? Wütend rast der Sturm; der weite Himmel entbrennt.

Weh' uns Armen! Schmetternd krachen Schlag auf Schlag die schweren Donner fürchterlich.

Weh' uns! Weh' uns! Erschüttert wankt die Erde bis in des Meeres Grund.

#### 20. TRIO WITH CHORUS

**LUKAS:** Die düst'ren Wolken trennen sich; gestillet ist der Stürme Wut.

**HANNE:** Vor ihrem Untergange blickt noch die Sonn' empor; und vor dem letzten Strahle glänzt mit Perlenschmuck geziert die Flur.

**SIMON:** Zum langgewohnten Stalle kehrt gesättigt und erfrischt das fette Rind zurück.

LUKAS: Den Gatten ruft die Wachtel schon.

**HANNE:** Im Grase zirpt die Grille froh.

**SIMON:** Und aus dem Sumpfe quakt der Frosch.

**LUKAS, HANNE, SIMON:** Die Abendglocke tönt. Von oben winkt der helle Stern und ladet uns zur sanften Ruh.

**MEN:** Mädchen, Burschen, Weiber, kommt! Unser wartet süßer Schlaf; wie reines Herz, gesunder Leib und Tagesarbeit ihn gewährt.

a pale fog of mist and haze. It climbs aloft, spreading out, enveloping the heavens in blackness.

Hear from the valley the muffled roar foretelling a fierce storm! See the troublous clouds drawing slowly nearer, threatening the plains!

In anxious presentiment nature stands stock still: Not a leaf, not a creature moves; deathly silence reigns.

Help! the cloudburst nears! Heaven help us!
How the thunder rolls! How the wind is gusting!
Where can we take shelter? Flashing lightning splits
the clouds, and torrents pour down.
Where is shelter?
Furiously on the storm rages.
Woe unto us! Heaven help us!
The sky is ablaze as blow on blow, the deafening
thunder crashes upon us. Embattled earth quakes
to the very ocean's floor.

The gloomy clouds now part; the madness of the storm is stilled

In its setting, the sun shines forth again, and with its dying beams makes pearls of raindrops to grace the fields.

The cattle move back refreshed and full To their accustomed stalls.

The quail is calling to his mate.

And crickets chirp in the grass.

From the marshes croak the frogs.

The Angelus is tolling. Above the stars are twinkling, bidding us to gentle rest.

Lads and lasses, matrons, come, sweet sleep invites us, as is given the pure of heart, the healthy body, reward for the day's labor.

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**WOMEN:** Wir geh'n, wir geh'n, wir folgen euch.

We come we follow

#### **AUTUMN**

#### 21. OVERTURE AND RECITATIVE: HANNE

Was durch seine Blüte der Lenz zuerst versprach, was durch seine Wärme der Sommer reifen hieß, zeigt der Herbst in Fülle dem frohen Landmann jetzt. What in springtime's blossoms was promised, what through its warmth Summer brought to ripeness, now Autumn gives the happy husbandman in abundance.

#### 22. RECITATIVE

**LUKAS:** Den reichen Vorrat fährt er nun auf hochbelad'nen Wagen ein. Kaum faßt der weiten Scheune Raum, was ihm sein Feld hervorgebracht.

**SIMON:** Sein heit'res Auge blickt umher, es mißt den aufgetürmten Segen ab, und Freude strömt in seine Brust.

He heaps the rich bounty high on wagons; scarcely is there room in the barns for what his fields have given back.

He looks around his accumulated bounty with pleased eye, and joy fills his heart to the brim.

#### 23. TRIO WITH CHORUS

**SIMON:** So lohnet die Natur den Fleiß; ihn ruft, ihn lacht sie an, ihn muntert sie durch Hoffnung auf, ihm steht sie willig bei; ihm wirket sie mit voller Kraft.

**HANNE, LUKAS:** Von dir, o Fleiß, kommt alles Heil. Die Hütte, die uns schirmt, die Wolle, die uns deckt, die Speise, die uns nährt, ist deine Gab', ist dein Geschenk.

**HANNE, LUKAS, SIMON:** O Fleiß, o edler Fleiß! Von dir kommt alles Heil!

**HANNE:** Du flößest Tugend ein, und rohe Sitten milderst du.

**LUKAS:** Du wehrest Laster ab und reinigest der Menschen Herz.

**SIMON:** Du stärkest Mut und Sinn zum Guten und zu jeder Pflicht.

ALL: O Fleiß, o edler Fleiß! Von dir kommt alles Heil!

Thus Nature rewards honest toil; it calls, shows favor, encourages with hope, and stands ready to produce in fullest measure.

From thee, O labor, flows every blessing. The houses which shelter us, the clothing which covers us, the food which refreshes us, these are thy gifts to us.

O labor, noble toil, from thee comes every blessing.

Virtue flows from thee, and coarse manners are polished.

You ward off vice, and purify mankind.

You strengthen courage and will for good or duty.

O labor, noble toil, from thee comes every blessing.

#### 24. RECITATIVE

**HANNE:** Seht, wie zum Haselbusche dort die rasche Jugend eilt! An jedem Aste schwinget sich der Kleinen lose Schar, und der bewegten Staud' entstürzt gleich Hagelschau'r die lock're Frucht.

See, to the hazelwood trees the boys have run! They chin themselves on the boughs which rain down hazelnuts like hail-stones.

**SIMON:** Hier klimmt der junge Bau'r den hohen Stamm entlang, die Leiter flink hinauf. Vom Wipfel, der ihn deckt, sieht er sein Liebchen nah'n, und ihrem Tritt entgegen fliegt dann in trautem Scherze die runde Nuß herab.

**LUKAS:** Im Garten steh'n um jeden Baum die Mädchen groß und klein, dem Obste, das sie klauben, an frischer Farbe gleich.

#### 25. DUET

**LUKAS:** Ihr Schönen aus der Stadt, kommt her! Blickt an die Tochter der Natur, die weder Putz noch Schminke ziert. Da seht mein Hannchen, seht! Ihr blüht Gesundheit auf den Wangen; im Auge lacht Zufriedenheit, und aus dem Munde spricht das Herz, wenn sie mir Liebe schwört.

**HANNE:** Ihr Herrchen süß und fein, bleibt weg! Hier schwinden eure Künste ganz, und glatte Worte wirken nicht; man gibt euch kein Gehör. Nicht Gold, nicht Pracht kann uns verblenden, ein redlich Herz ist, was uns rührt; und meine Wünsche sind erfüllt, wenn treu mir Lukas ist.

**LUKAS:** Blätter fallen ab, Früchte welken hin, Tag und Jahr vergeh'n, nur meine Liebe nicht.

**HANNE:** Schöner grünt das Blatt, süßer schmeckt die Frucht, heller glänzt der Tag, wenn deine Liebe spricht.

**LUKAS, HANNE:** Welch ein Glück ist treue Liebe! Uns're Herzen sind vereinet,trenn kann sie Tod allein.

**LUKAS:** Liebstes Hannchen!

**HANNE:** Bester Lukas!

**HANNE, LUKAS:** Lieben und geliebet werden, ist der Freuden höchster Gipfel, ist des Lebens Wonn' und Glück!

#### 26. RECITATIVE: SIMON

Nun zeiget das entblößte Feld der ungebet'nen Gäste Zahl, die an den Halmen Nahrung fand und irrend jetzt sie weitersucht. Des kleinen Raubes klaget nicht der Landmann, der ihn kaum bemerkt; Against the trunk the young farmer sets his ladder and nimbly climbs it. From the treetop hidden in the leaves he sees his beloved and throws a nut at her feet in intimate jest.

In the garden the girls are standing around the trees, each, fat or thin, the sprightly color of the fruit she is picking.

Ye beauties of the town, come here! See the daughters of the field whom neither art nor skill adorn. Behold my Jane! She blooms with health in her cheeks, her eyes laugh happiness; her heart speaks on her lips when she vows her love to me.

Ye gentlemen so sweet and fine, stay away! Your false wiles are vain, your polished words will go unheeded. No gold nor finery will dazzle us. An honest heart will move us and all my wishes will come true when

Leaves fall, fruit withers, days and years pass away, but not my love.

Greener grows the leaf, sweeter tastes the fruit, the day shines brighter when love speaks.

What fortune is true love! Our hearts are united; death alone can part us.

Beloved Jane!

Dearest Lucas!

To love and be loved is the highest peak of joy, life's best fortune and bliss!

Now the new-mown fields disclose a number of uninvited guests, who found food on the stalks, and now are seeking far and wide. The farmer does not complain about such little thieves; he

scarcely notices them: it is the abundance he wishes not to be stolen. Whatever may make it safe he considers good, and he is a willing slave to the hunt, which delights his lord.

#### 27. ARIA: SIMON

Seht auf die breiten Wiesen hin, Seht, wie der Hund im Grase streift! Am Boden suchet er die Spur und geht ihr unablässig nach. Jetzt aber reißt Begierd' ihn fort; er horcht auf Ruf und Stimme nicht mehr; er eilet zu haschen - da stockt sein Lauf, und er steht unbewegt wie Stein. Dem nahen Feinde zu entgeh'n erhebt der scheue Vogel sich; doch rettet ihn nicht schneller Flug. Es blitzt, es knallt, ihn erreichet das Blei und wirft ihn tot aus der Luft herab.

See yonder in the open meadow how the hound patrols. He seeks the scent upon the ground; ceaselessly he roams. How instinct impels him; he heeds command no more; he hastes to conquest – and stands still as stone. To escape his enemy the frightened bird flies up; but swiftest flight can't save him now; a flash – a shot – the bullet finds its mark, and flings him dead from sky to ground.

#### 28. RECITATIVE: LUKAS

Hier treibt ein dichter Kreis die Hasen aus dem Lager auf. Von allen Seiten hergedrängt, hilft ihnen keine Flucht. Schon fallen sie und liegen bald in Reihen freudig hingezählt. Now the hares must leave their hiding places. Hemmed in from all sides, they have no escape. Soon they lie neatly in rows, and cheerfully are counted.

#### 29. CHORUS OF COUNTRY PEOPLE AND HUNTERS

**MEN:** Hört, hört das laute Getön, das dort im Walde klinget!

**WOMEN:** Welch ein lautes Getön durchklingt den ganzen Wald!

**ALL:** Es ist der gellenden Hörner Schall, der gierigen Hunde Gebelle.

**MEN:** Schon flieht der aufgesprengte Hirsch; ihm rennen die Doggen und Reiter nach.

**WOMEN:** Er flieht! er springt! O wie er sich streckt!

**ALL:** Ihm rennen die Doggen und Reiter nach. O wie er springt! O wie er sich streckt!

**WOMEN:** Da bricht er aus den Gesträuchen hervor und läuft über Feld in das icht hinein.

**MEN:** Jetzt hat er die Hunde getäuscht; zerstreuet schwärmen sie umher.

**ALL:** Die Hunde sind zerstreut: sie schwärmen hin und her.

Hear the noisy sound that sets the forest ringing!

What a noisy sound rings through the entire forest!

The braying horn, the eager, bugling hounds.

Already the leaping stag has fled with hounds and horses in hot pursuit.

He runs, he flees! How he leaps!

With hounds and horses in hot pursuit. How he stretches himself!

Now he breaks out of the brush And runs through the fields into the thicket.

He has tricked the hounds! They scatter and stray – the pack is broken up.

The dogs are scattered
They stray back and forth.

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THE HUNTER: Tajo, tajo, tajo!

**MEN:** Der Jäger Ruf, der Hörner Klang versammelt aufs neue sie.

THE HUNTER: Ho, ho, ho! Tajo! Ho, ho!

**MEN AND WOMEN:** Mit doppeltem Eifer stürzet nun der Haufe vereint auf die Fährte los.

THE HUNTER: Tajo, tajo, tajo!

**WOMEN:** Von seinen Feinden eingeholt, an Mut und Kräften ganz erschöpft, erlieget nun das schnelle Tier.

**MEN:** Sein nahes Ende kündigt an des tönenden Erzes Jubellied, der freudigen Jäger Siegeslaut:

THE HUNTER: Halali! Halali! Halali!

**WOMEN:** Den Tod des Hirschen kündigt a des tönenden Erzes Jubellied, der freudigen Jäger Siegeslaut.

THE HUNTER: Halali! Halali! Halali!

**ALL:** Den Tod des Hirschen kündigt an des tönenden Erzes Jubellied, der freudigen Jäger Siegeslaut. Halali! Halali! Halali!

#### **30. RECITATIVE**

**HANNE**: Am Rebenstocke blinket jetzt die helle Traub' in vollem Safte und ruft dem Winzer freundlich zu, daß er zu lesen sie nicht weile.

**SIMON:** Schon werden Kuf' und Faß zum Hügel hingebracht, und aus den Hütten strömet zum frohen Tagewerke das munt're Volk herbei.

**HANNE:** Seht, wie den Berg hinan von Menschen alles wimmelt! Hört, wie der Freudenton von jeder Seit' erschallet.

**LUKAS:** Die Arbeit fördert lachender Scherz vom Morgen bis zum Abend hin, und dann erhebt der brausende Most die Fröhlichkeit zum Lustgeschrei. Tayo! tayo, tayo!

The hunters' cries, the crackling horns rally them again.

Ho, ho, ho! Tayo! Ho, ho!

With doubled zeal the pack picks up the scent.

Tayo! tayo, tayo!

Surrounded by his enemies, exhausted in strength and courage, behold the fleet deer dies.

His death a song proclaims a song of joy the brasses sing, a song of victory the happy hunters shout:

Hurray! Hurray! Hurray!

The stag's death a song proclaims a song of joy the brasses sing, a song of victory the happy hunters shout:

Hurray! Hurray! Hurray!

The stag's death a song proclaims a song of joy the brasses sing, a song of victory the happy hunters shout: Hurray! Hurray! Hurray!

On the vines the juicy grapes are hanging full ripe; they cry out to the vintner to be gathered without delay.

Soon barrels and vats are brought to the mountainside, and from the houses joyful people stream out to join in the happy work.

See, the mountain is aswarm with people. Hear the joyful cries ringing from every side.

The work calls forth many a joke from morn to night, and the fermenting new wine raises the happiness to shouts of joy.

#### 31. CHORUS

**ALL:** Juchei! Juchei! Der Wein ist da, die Tonnen sind

Hurray! Here's the wine, the barrels have been

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gefüllt, nun laßt uns fröhlich sein, Juchei! Juch! Aus vollem Halse schrei'n!

MEN: Laßt uns trinken!

Trinket, Brüder, laßt uns fröhlich sein!

**WOMEN:** Laßt uns singen! Singet alle! Laßt uns fröhlich sein!

ALL: Juchei! Juch! Es lebe der Wein!

**MEN:** Es lebe das Land, wo er uns reift! Es lebe das Faß, das ihn verwahrt! Es lebe der Krug, aus dem er fließt! Kommt, ihr Brüder! Füllt die Kannen, leert die Becher! Laßt uns fröhlich sein!

**WOMEN:** Nun tönen die Pfeifen und wirbelt die Trommel. Hier kreischet die Fiedel, da schnarret die Leier, nd dudelt der Bock.

**MEN:** Schon hüpfen die Kleinen und springen die Knaben, dort fliegen die Mädchen, im Arme der Bursche, den ländlichen Reih'n.

**WOMEN:** Heisa, hopsa, laßt uns hüpfen!

**MEN**: Jauchzet, lärmet! Springet, tanzet! Lachet, singet! Nun fen wir den letzten Krug, und singen dann im vollen Chor dem freudenreichen Rebensaft:

**ALL:** Es lebe der Wein, der edle Wein, der Grillen und Harm verscheucht! Sein Lob ertöne laut und hoch in tausendfachem Jubelschall!

**MEN:** Ihr Brüder, kommt! Die Kannen füllt!

**WOMEN:** Heisa, hopsa, laßt uns springen! Heisa, hopsa, laßt uns tanzen!

**ALL:** Heisa! Laßt uns fröhlich sein und Juchei! Juchei! Juch! Juch! aus vollem Halse schrei'n!

#### WINTER

#### 32. OVERTURE AND RECITATIVE

SIMON: Nun senket sich das ble Jahr und fallen Dünste kalt herab. Die Berg' umhüllt ein grauer Dampf, der endlich auch die Flächen drückt, und am Mittage selbst der Sonne matten Strahl verschlingt. filled, now let's be happy. Hurray! Scream at the top of your lungs!

Let us drink! Drink, brothers, and be happy!

Let us sing! Everybody sing and be happy!

Hurray! Long live the wine!

Long live the land that ripens it! Long live the cask that nurtures it! Long live the pitchers from which it pours! Come, brothers, fill the tankards, drain the glasses, and be happy.

Now the fifes and drums are playing. The fiddles are scraping and the hurdy-gurdy is wheezing, And the bag-pipe is droning.

The children are skipping and leaping, the girls are flying through the lines of dancers on the arms of their partners.

Hurray! let's skip and jump and dance!

Scream, and be noisy, laugh and sing, leap and dance! Now seize the last jug and sing in chorus to the happy-making wine:

Long live the wine, the noble wine that chases grief and melancholy away! Its praise proclaim loud and clear!

Come, brothers! Fill the jugs! Empty the glasses!

Hurray! Let us jump! Hurray! Let us dance!

Let us be happy! Hurray! Hurray! Scream at the top of your lungs!

Now the dying year sinks to rest, and chilling mists roll in. Gray mist envelops the mountains and descends to the plains; even at noon the sun shines forth in feeble rays.

**HANNE:** Aus Lapplands Höhlen schreitet her der stürmisch düst're Winter jetzt. Vor seinem Tritt erstarrt in banger Stille die Natur.

#### 33. CAVATINA: HANNE

Licht und Leben sind geschwächet, ärm' und Freude sind verschwunden. Unmutsvollen Tagen folget schwarzer Nächte lange Dauer.

#### 34. RECITATIVE: ILIKAS

Gefesselt steht der breite See, gehemmt in seinem Laufe der Strom. Im Sturze von türmenden Felsen hängt gestockt und stumm der Werfall. Im dürren Haine tönt kein Laut. Die Felder deckt, die Täler füllt ein' ungeheure Flockenlast. Der Erde Bild ist nur ein Grab, wo Kraft und Reiz erstorben liegt, wo Leichenfarbe traurig herrscht und wo dem Blicke weit umher nur öde Wüstenei sich zeigt.

#### 35. ARIA: LUKAS

Hier steht der Wand'rer nun verwirrt und zweifelhaft, wohin den Schritt er lenken soll. Vergebens suchet er den Weg: Ihn leitet weder Pfad noch Spur. Vergebens strenget er sich an und watet durch den tiefen Schnee, er find't sich immer mehr verirrt. Jetzt sinket ihm der Mut, und Angst beklemmt sein Herz, da er den Tag sich neigen sieht, und Müdigkeit und Frost ihm alle Glieder lähmt. Doch plötzlich trifft sein spähend Aug' der Schimmer eines nahen Lichts. Da lebt er wieder auf; vor Freuden pocht sein Herz. Er geht, er eilt der Hütte zu, wo starr und matt er Labung hofft.

#### **36. RECITATIVE**

**LUKAS:** So wie er naht, schallt in sein Ohr, durch heulende Winde nur erst geschreckt, heller Stimmen lauter Klang.

**HANNE:** Die warme Stube zeigt ihm dann des Dörfchens Nachbarschaft, vereint in trautem Kreise den Abend zu verkürzen mit leichter Arbeit und Gespräch.

**SIMON:** Am Ofen schwatzen hier von ihrer Jugendzeit die Väter, zu Körb' und Reusen flicht

From Lapland's icy caves winter comes with gloomy storms. Nature at his step congeals in anxious quiet.

Light and life have weakened, warmth and joy have vanished. Dreary days follow lengthy nights of darkness.

The sea is fettered, the tide is chained in its course. The waterfalls, stock still and mute, hang from the towering rocks. In barren fields no sound is heard. The meadows and the valleys stand covered by a monstrous weight of snowflakes. The earth is a picture of a grave where strength and charm lie dead, where death's pallor rules, and where only bleak wasteland is seen.

Here stands a wanderer, bewildered and confused, which way to take. Vainly he seeks the path; neither footprint nor lane guides him. He stretches every nerve dragging through the drifted snow only to find himself more confused. His courage sinks, fear clutches his heart as he sees the daylight running out and frost and exhaustion reach every limb. Suddenly his watchful eye catches the shimmer of a near-by light. He lives again, his heart throbs with joy. He goes, he runs to the cottage where, numbed and wet, his spirit revies.

As he nears, he hears, first frightened by the howling wind, the noises of cheerful voices

The warm room is filled with neighbors of the little village, sitting in a circle, shortening the evening with light work and gossip.

At the fireplace the fathers are babbling about their youth; fixing wicker baskets with willows

die Weidengert' und Netze Strickt der Söhne munt'rer Haufe dort. Am Rocken spinnen die Mütter, am laufenden Rade die Töchter, und ihren Fleiß belebt ein ungekünstelt frohes Lied.

#### 37. SONG WITH CHORUS

**WOMEN AND GIRLS:** Knurre, schnurre, knurre, schnurre. Rädchen, schnurre!

**HANNE:** Drille, Rädchen, lang und fein, drille fein ein Fädelein mir zum Busenschleier! Weber, webe zart und fein, webe fein das Schleierlein mir zur Kirmesfeier. Außen blank und innen rein, fleißig, fromm und sittsam sein, locket wack're Freier.

**ALL:** Außen blank und innen rein, fleißig, fromm und sittsam sein, locket wack're Freier.

#### 38. RECITATIVE: LUKAS

Abgesponnen ist der Flachs, nun steh'n die Räder still. Da wird der Kreis verengt und von dem Männervolk umringt, zu horchen auf die neue Mär, die Hanne jetzt erzählen wird.

#### 39. SONG WITH CHORUS

**HANNE:** Ein Mädchen, das auf Ehre hielt, liebt' einst ein' Edelmann; da er schon längst auf sie gezielt, traf er allein sie an. Er stieg sogleich vom Pferd und sprach: Komm, küsse deinen Herrn! Sie rief vor Angst und Schrecken: Ach! Ach ja, von Herzen gern.

**CHORUS:** Ei, ei, warum nicht nein?

**HANNE:** Sei ruhig, sprach er, liebes Kind, und schenke mir dein Herz; denn meine Lieb' ist treu gesinnt, nicht Leichtsinn oder Scherz. Dich mach ich glücklich: Nimm dies Geld, den Ring, die gold'ne Uhr! Und hab' ich sonst, was dir gefällt, o sag's und ford're nur!

CHORUS: Ei, ei, das klingt recht fein!

**HANNE:** Nein, sagt sie, das wär' viel gewagt, mein Bruder möchte' es seh'n, und wenn er's meinem Vater sagt, wie wird mir's dann ergeh'n? Er ackert and weaving nets, the sons make a happy group. The mothers are at the spindles while their daughters are at the wheel. A lively song lightens their work.

Groaning, whirring, turning, spin, my wheel, keep turning!

Spin my wheel, so long and fine, spin a thread quite thin and fine, fit for bosom's veiling. Weaver, weave quite light and fine Weaving e'er this veil of mine, fit for feast-day wearing. Outward smooth and pure within covered with the veil you spin must a maiden's bosom be.

Outward smooth and pure within diligent and chaste, will win suitors brave and charming.

Now the flax is wound, and the spinning wheels stand still. The circle narrows, and surrounded by the men, Jane tells a tale to amuse them.

A maid, who kept her honor clean was seen from quite a way by a nobleman, who, by mere chance, did meet her one fine day. He jumped down from his horse to say: Come, kiss me quick, my dove." She cried in fear and trembling, "Why – why yes, that I would love!"

Hey, hey, ho, ho, why not say no?

"Be calm," he said, "my dear sweet child, I give my heart to you; no mockery or jest is this, my love for you is true." "I'll make you happy! Take this money, watch of gold, and ring, and if all this is not enough, just ask for anything."

Hey, hey, ho, ho, that sounds quite good!

"No, no," said she, "that's not so good; my brother might just see, and if he told my father – wow! That's not so good for me!" uns hier allzu nah ... Sonst könnt' es wohl gescheh'n. Schaut nur, von jenem Hügel da könnt Ihr ihn ackern seh'n.

CHORUS: Ho, ho, was soll das sein?

**HANNE:** Indem der Junker geht und sieht, schwingt sich das lose Kind auf seinen Rappen und entflieht geschwinder als der Wind. Lebt wohl, rief sie, mein gnäd'ger Herr! So räch' ich meine Schmach. Ganz eingewurzelt stehet er und gafft ihr staunend nach.

CHORUS: Ha. ha. das war recht fein.

#### **40. RECITATIVE: SIMON**

Vom dürren Osten dringt ein scharfer Eishauch jetzt hervor. Schneidend fährt er durch die Luft, verzehret jeden Dunst und hascht des Tieres Odem selbst. Des grimmigen Tyranns, des Winters Sieg ist nun vollbracht, und stummer Schrecken drückt den ganzen Umfang der Natur.

#### 41. ARIA: SIMON

Erblicke hier, betörter Mensch, erblicke deines Lebens Bild. Verblühet ist dein kurzer Lenz, erschöpfet deines Sommers Kraft. Schon welkt dein Herbst dem Alter zu, schon naht der bleiche Winter sich und zeiget dir das off'ne Grab. Wo sind sie nun, die hoh'n Entwürfe, die Hoffnungen vom Glück, die Sucht nach eitlem Ruhme, der Sorgen schwere Last? Wo sind sie nun, die Wonnetage, verschwelgt in Üppigkeit? Und wo die frohen Nächte, im Taumel durchgewacht? Verschwunden sind sie wie ein Traum. Nur Tugend bleibt.

#### **42. RECITATIVE: SIMON**

Die bleibt allein und leitet uns, unwandelbar, durch Zeit und Jahreswechsel, durch Jammer oder Freude bis zu den höchsten Zielen hin.

#### 43. TRIO AND DOUBLE CHORUS

**SIMON:** Dann bricht der große Morgen an, der Allmacht zweites Wort erweckt zum neuen Dasein uns, von Pein und Tod auf immer frei.

"He's plowing all too close to us, or else it would be fun. Look over yonder hillside there, you'll see where he's begun."

Ho, ho, hey, hey, is this for fun?

And while the squire went off to look, she jumped as quick's could be upon the horse that he'd forsook. Fleet as the wind rode she. "Good health," she cried, "my noble knight, your insult now is done." And quite astonished by the sight, he knew the girl had won!

Ha, ha, ho, ho, that's neatly done.

From the barren east a fierce ice storm blows up. Slicing through the air, it cuts the fog and even stifles the animals' breath. The victory of that grim tyrant Winter is now complete; dumb terror strikes the whole of Nature.

Consider, O deluded man the picture of your life. Faded is your short spring, exhausted is your summer's strength. Already your autumn has withered into old age, already pallid winter draws near and points you to the waiting grave. Where are ye now, lofty schemes, high hopes of fortune, the seeking after idle fame, the heavy weight of cares? Where are ye now, ye days of pleasure, gobbled up in fleshliness? And where are ye, O happy nights passed sleepless in revelry? They have vanished like a dream. Only virtue lasts.

It alone remains and guides us eternally through time and change of seasons, through misery or joy to our highest goal.

Then the glorious morning will break, the promise of the Almighty wakes us to new life free from pain and death forever.

(Please, turn page quietly)

**LUKAS, SIMON:** Die Himmelspforten öffnen sich, der heil'ge Berg erscheint. Ihn krönt des Herren Zelt, wo Ruh' und Frieden thront.

FIRST CHORUS: Wer darf durch diese Pforten geh'n?

**HANNE, LUKAS, SIMON:** Der Arges mied und Gutes tat.

**SECOND CHORUS:** Wer darf besteigen diesen Berg?

**HANNE, LUKAS, SIMON:** Von dessen Lippen Wahrheit floß.

FIRST CHORUS: Wer darf in diesem Zelte wohnen?

**HANNE, LUKAS, SIMON:** Der Armen und Bedrängten half.

**SECOND CHORUS:** Wer wird den Frieden dort genießen?

**HANNE, LUKAS, SIMON:** Der Schutz und Recht der Unschuld gab.

FIRST CHORUS: O seht, der große Morgen naht.

SECOND CHORUS: O seht, er leuchtet schon.

BOTH CHORUSES: Die Himmelspforten öffnen sich, der heil'ge Berg erscheint. Vorüber sind, verbrauset sind die leidenvollen Tage, des Lebens Winterstürme. Ein ew'ger Frühling herrscht; und grenzenlose Seligkeit wird der Gerechten Lohn! Laßt uns wirken, laßt uns streben! Laßt uns kämpfen, laßt uns harren. zu erringen diesen Preis. Uns leite Deine Hand, o Gott! Verleih' uns Stärk' und Mut; dann siegen wir, dann geh'n wir ein in Deines Reiches Herrlichkeit. Amen.

The heavenly gates will open, the holy mountain will appear, the Lord's dwelling place, where rest and peace abide.

Who shall enter into these gates?

He who shuns evil and does good.

Who shall climb this mountain?

He whose lips speak truth.

Who shall dwell in this holy place?

He who has helped the poor and needy.

Who shall enjoy its peace?

He who gave shelter and justice to the innocent.

Behold, the glorious morning dawns!

Behold, it shines already.

The heavenly portals open, The holy mountain shines forth! Gone, vanished, are the sorrow-laden days of life's wintery storms. Eternal Spring reigns at last and boundless blessedness will be the reward of the righteous! May such reward at last come to us! Let us work, let us strive! Let us await it, and let us gain it at the last. Guide us by thy hand, O God. Renew in us courage and strength. Then shall we sing and go forth into the glory of thy kingdom. Amen.

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